

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An information processing method that  
utilizes a medical examination device as a medium,  
5 which has been assigned a unique identification used  
for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory  
into which particular additional information about the  
medical examination device is remotely writable through  
a network based on the identification of the medical  
10 examination device, said method comprising the steps  
of:

identifying the identification of the medical  
examination device, and writing down in the memory the  
particular additional information relating to a usage  
15 of the medical examination device while correlating the  
particular additional information with the  
identification; and

sharing and utilizing the particular  
additional information about the medical examination  
20 device among a plurality of users based on the  
identification.

2. An information processing method that  
utilizes a medical examination device as a medium,  
25 which has been assigned a unique identification used  
for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory  
into which particular additional information about the

medical examination device is remotely writable through a network based on the identification of the medical examination device, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5                   identifying the identification of the medical examination device, and writing down in the memory first particular additional information relating to a usage of the medical examination device while correlating the first particular additional information  
10 with the identification;  
                  writing down second particular additional information in the memory while correlating the second particular additional information with the identification;
- 15                  reading out one or more pieces from among the first and second particular additional information based on the identification; and  
                  sharing and utilizing plural pieces of particular additional information about the medical  
20 examination device among a plurality of users based on the identification.

3.    An information processing method that utilizes a medical examination device as a medium,  
25 which has been assigned a unique identification used for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory into which particular additional information about the

medical examination device is remotely writable through a network based on the identification of the medical examination device, said method comprising the steps of:

5                   identifying the identification of the medical examination device, and writing down in the memory first particular additional information relating to a usage of the medical examination device while correlating the first particular additional information  
10 with the identification;

                  writing down second particular additional information relating to an inspection in the memory while correlating the second particular additional information with the identification;

15                   writing down third particular additional information in the memory while correlating the third particular additional information with the identification;

                  reading out one or more pieces from among the  
20 first to third particular additional information based on the identification; and

                  sharing and utilizing plural pieces of particular additional information about the medical examination device among a plurality of users based on  
25 the identification.

4. An information processing method that utilizes a medical examination device as a medium, which has been assigned a unique identification used for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory  
5 into which particular additional information about the medical examination device is remotely writable through a network based on the identification of the medical examination device, said method comprising the steps of:

10 identifying the identification of the medical examination device, and writing down in the memory first particular additional information relating to a usage of the medical examination device while correlating the first particular additional information  
15 with the identification;

writing down second particular additional information relating to a circulation in the memory while correlating the second particular additional information with the identification;

20 writing down third particular additional information relating to an inspection in the memory while correlating the third particular additional information with the identification;

25 reading out one or more pieces from among the first to third particular additional information based on the identification; and

sharing and utilizing plural pieces of particular additional information about the medical examination device among a plurality of users based on the identification.

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5. An information processing method that utilizes a medical examination device as a medium, which has been assigned a unique identification used for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory  
10 into which particular additional information about the medical examination device is remotely writable through a network based on the identification of the medical examination device, said method comprising the steps of:

15 identifying the identification of the medical examination device, and writing down in the memory first particular additional information relating to a usage of the medical examination device while correlating the first particular additional information  
20 with the identification;

writing down second particular additional information relating to a circulation in the memory while correlating the second particular additional information with the identification;

25 writing down third particular additional information relating to an inspection in the memory

while correlating the third particular additional information with the identification;

writing down fourth particular additional information relating to a disposal after the inspection  
5 in the memory while correlating the fourth particular additional information with the identification;

reading out one or more pieces from the first to fourth particular additional information based on the identification; and

10 sharing and utilizing plural pieces of particular additional information about the medical examination device among a plurality of users based on the identification.

15 6. An information processing method that utilizes a medical examination device as a medium, which has been assigned a unique identification used for medical examinations and diagnoses, and a memory into which particular additional information about the  
20 medical examination device is remotely writable through a network based on the identification of the medical examination device, said method comprising the steps of:

identifying the identification of the medical  
25 examination device, and writing down in the memory first particular additional information relating to a usage of the medical examination device while

correlating the first particular additional information  
with the identification;

writing down second particular additional  
information relating to a circulation in the memory  
5 while correlating the second particular additional  
information with the identification;

writing down, through an inspected person,  
third particular additional information relating to an  
inspection in the memory while correlating the third  
10 particular additional information with the  
identification;

reading out one or more pieces from the first  
to third particular additional information based on the  
identification; and

15 sharing and utilizing plural pieces of  
particular additional information about the medical  
examination device among a plurality of users based on  
the identification.

20 7. An information processing method that  
utilizes a medical examination device as a medium,  
which has been assigned a unique identification used  
for medical examinations and diagnoses, a memory into  
which particular additional information about the  
25 medical examination device is remotely writable through  
a network based on the identification of the medical  
examination device, a plurality of input / output units

for remotely writing information into and reading the  
information from the memory through the network based  
on the identification of the medical examination device,  
said method comprising the step of sharing and  
5 utilizing the particular additional information about  
the medical examination device among a plurality of  
users based on the identification.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
10 network is the Internet.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
particular additional information relating to a usage  
of the medical examination device includes information  
15 of a lifetime of the medical examination device.

10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
medical examination device is a device for inspection  
with a quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) reaction.  
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11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
medical examination device is a DNA chip.

12. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
25 medical examination device is a lab on a chip that  
forms a channel on a substrate for processes on the  
substrate through a chemical or physical reaction.



13. A method according to claim 1, wherein the medical examination device is a protein chip.

14. A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
5 medical examination device is a DNA micro-array.

15. An information processing system comprising:  
a medical examination device as a medium,  
which has been assigned a unique identification used  
10 for medical examinations and diagnoses;  
a memory into which particular additional  
information about the medical examination device is  
remotely writable through a network based on the  
identification of the medical examination device; and  
15 a plurality of input units for remotely  
writing the particular additional information down in  
the memory through the network based on the  
identification of the medical examination device, said  
input units being provided at least for a supplier of  
20 the medical examination device, a seller who sells the  
medical examination device supplied by the supplier,  
and an inspection institution that inspects the medical  
examination device.

25 16. An information processing system comprising:

a medical examination device as a medium,  
which has been assigned a unique identification used  
for medical examinations and diagnoses;

a memory into which particular additional  
5 information about the medical examination device is  
remotely writable through a network based on the  
identification of the medical examination device; and

a plurality of input units for remotely  
writing the particular additional information down in  
10 the memory through the network based on the  
identification of the medical examination device, said  
input units being provided at least for a supplier of  
the medical examination device, a seller who sells the  
medical examination device supplied by the supplier,  
15 and an examinee subject to an examination using the  
medical examination device.

17. An information processing system comprising:

a medical examination device as a medium,  
20 which has been assigned a unique identification used  
for medical examinations and diagnoses;

a memory, particular additional information  
about the medical examination device being remotely  
writable into and readable from the memory through a  
25 network based on the identification of the medical  
examination device; and

a plurality of input / output units for  
remotely writing and reading the particular additional  
information in and from the memory through the network  
based on the identification of the medical examination  
5 device, wherein a plurality of users share and utilize,  
based on the identification, the particular additional  
information including the usage of the medical  
examination device which has been written while  
correlated with the identification in the memory.

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18. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
network is the Internet.

19. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
15 particular additional information relating to a usage  
of the medical examination device includes information  
of a lifetime of the medical examination device.

20. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
20 medical examination device is a device for inspection  
with a quartz crystal microbalance reaction.

21. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
medical examination device is a DNA chip.

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22. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
medical examination device is a lab on a chip that

provides a channel on a substrate for processes on the substrate through a chemical or physical reaction.

23. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
5 medical examination device is a protein chip.

24. A system according to claim 15, wherein the  
medical examination device is a DNA micro-array.

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